

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1.-6. (Cancelled)

¹/~~7~~ (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition for a metal foil which comprises as main components a polyvinyl acetal resin, a polyfunctional acrylate compound or a polyfunctional methacrylate compound having two or more acryloyl groups or methacryloyl groups in the molecule and an epoxy resin, wherein said polyvinyl acetal resin comprises (a) an acetoacetal portion, (b) a butylacetal portion, (c) a vinyl alcohol portion, (d) a vinyl acetate ester portion and (e) an itaconic acid portion having a carboxyl group as a side chain in the weight ratio of

$$0.1 < (e) / ((a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e)) < 5,$$

and a number average degree of polymerization of 1,000 to 3,000.

²/~~8~~ (Previously Presented) The adhesive composition for a metal foil according to Claim ¹/~~7~~, wherein said composition comprises 20 to 500 parts by weight of a polyfunctional acrylate compound or a polyfunctional methacrylate compound having two or more acryloyl groups or methacryloyl groups in the molecule and 5 to 100 parts by weight of an epoxy resin based on 100 parts by weight of the polyvinyl acetal resin.

³/~~8~~. (Currently Amended) The adhesive composition for a metal foil according to Claim ~~7~~, wherein the polyfunctional acrylate compound or the polyfunctional methacrylate compound having two or more acryloyl groups or methacryloyl groups in the molecule is at least one selected from the group consisting of pentaerythritol triacrylate, trimethylolpropane triacrylate, trimethylolpropane ethyleneoxide-modified triacrylate, trimethylolpropane propyleneoxide-modified triacrylate, ~~triacryloyloxyethyl phosphate~~, isocyanuric acid ethylene oxide-modified triacrylate, pentaerythritol tetraacrylate, dipentaerythritol pentaacrylate, dipentaerythritol hexaacrylate, and methacrylates corresponding to the above-mentioned acrylates.

10. (Cancelled)

⁴/~~11~~. (Currently Amended) The adhesive composition for a metal foil according to Claim ~~[[10]]~~¹, wherein the polyvinyl acetal resin comprises, in the weight ratio,

$$0.3 < (a) / ((a) + (b)) \text{ or}$$

$$10 \leq (c) / ((a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e)) \leq 20.$$

⁵/~~12~~. (Currently Amended) The adhesive composition for a metal foil according to any one of Claims ¹⁻³~~7-9~~ and ⁴~~11~~ ~~7-11~~, wherein said composition further comprises at least one filler selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, talc and organic filler.

⁶~~13~~. (Currently Amended) The adhesive composition for a metal foil according to any one of Claims ¹⁻³~~7-9~~ and ⁴~~11~~ 7-11, wherein said composition further comprises at least one of an antioxidant, a metal scavenger and a lubricant.

⁷~~14~~. (Currently Amended) An adhesive-coated metal foil which is obtained by coating the adhesive composition for a metal foil according to any one of ¹⁻³~~7-9~~ and ⁴~~11~~ 7-11, as a varnish on one of the surfaces of the metal foil and drying.

Claims 15.-19. (Cancelled)

⁸~~20~~. (Currently Amended) The adhesive composition for a metal foil according to Claim ¹~~7~~, further comprising a curing agent for ~~the at least one of~~ the polyfunctional acrylate compound ~~[[and]]~~ or the polyfunctional methacrylate compound.

Claims 21.-27. (Cancelled).